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4. The Directorate is located in Moscow [redacted]  
[redacted] it is not completely centralized but occupies five or six  
offices in various parts of the city.

5. The title "First Chief Directorate" does not imply that there are, or are  
likely to be, other directorates in a series. [redacted] the  
word "First" was included in the title to emphasize the supreme importance  
of this organization.

Activities

6. [redacted] a sharp  
distinction between projects which it directly controls and those over  
which it exercises indirect control through one or more ministries.

7. The First Chief Directorate directly controls research institutes, plants,  
and factories working on "special subjects", i.e., subjects which are not  
covered by existing ministerial organizations. [redacted]

[redacted] the atomic energy project is  
under the direct control of the Directorate, and [redacted] this  
accounts for about 70 percent of the Directorate's effort. Direct control  
would not necessarily include all research, since the Directorate is an  
industrial rather than a scientific organization; and it is probable that  
fundamental research on nuclear physics is in progress in laboratories  
controlled by other authorities, such as the Academy of Sciences, with  
indirect control and general planning by the Directorate. [redacted]

[redacted] there is a pilot plant of some sort within  
100 km. of Moscow. [redacted]

8. In fields where there is already a ministerial organization in existence,  
the First Chief Directorate does not directly control the research in-  
stitutes or plants but exercises indirect control through the parent  
ministry and is responsible generally for planning, priorities, and  
allocation of supplies. For example, all jet aircraft projects are  
directly controlled by the Ministry of Aviation, under the over-riding  
authority of the Directorate.

9. [redacted]  
[redacted] The Ministry  
of Health and the Soviet Army have well established microbiological research  
and development organizations, and it would be unnecessary for the Direct-  
orate to run its own research stations. [redacted] any biological  
warfare pilot plant would be under the direct control of the Soviet Army.  
The Directorate would, however, exercise indirect control over the whole  
project through the ministries concerned, as in the case of aircraft  
development. [redacted] Comment: [redacted]

[redacted] mention of the Ministry of Health  
in this connection should be taken as an example of the principle that  
the First Chief Directorate does not take over direct control of existing  
research organizations rather than as an indication that the Ministry of  
Health is likely to be mainly responsible for a biological warfare project.

10. In addition to controlling, directly or indirectly, armament research and  
development projects, the Directorate also indirectly controls, through  
their parent ministries, many factories at present engaged on normal  
industrial production but scheduled for conversion to war production in  
an emergency. The Directorate is, in fact, responsible for planning all  
war production and potential, including the construction of many roads  
and railways.

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Personalities

13. The titular head of the First Chief Directorate is Lieut. Gen. Vannikov, who takes his orders directly from Beriya.

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